



---

## "Understanding the Gospel" (Good News Series - Ep. I)

1 "Brothers and fathers, listen now to my defense." 2 When they heard him speak to them in Aramaic, they became very quiet. Then Paul said: 3 "I am a Jew, born in Tarsus of Cilicia, but brought up in this city. I studied under Gamaliel and was thoroughly trained in the law of our ancestors. I was just as zealous for God as any of you are today. 4 I persecuted the followers of this Way to their death, arresting both men and women and throwing them into prison, 5 as the high priest and all the Council can themselves testify. I even obtained letters from them to their associates in Damascus, and went there to bring these people as prisoners to Jerusalem to be punished. 6 "About noon as I came near Damascus, suddenly a bright light from heaven flashed around me. 7 I fell to the ground and heard a voice say to me, 'Saul! Saul! Why do you persecute me?' 8 "'Who are you, Lord?' I asked. "'I am Jesus of Nazareth, whom you are persecuting,' he replied. 9 My companions saw the light, but they did not understand the voice of him who was speaking to me. 10 "'What shall I do, Lord?' I asked. "'Get up,' the Lord said, 'and go into Damascus. There you will be told all that you have been assigned to do.' 11 My companions led me by the hand into Damascus, because the brilliance of the light had blinded me. 12 "A man named Ananias came to see me. He was a devout observer of the law and highly respected by all the Jews living there. 13 He stood beside me and said, 'Brother Saul, receive your sight!' And at that very moment I was able to see him. 14 "Then he said: 'The God of our ancestors has chosen you to know his will and to see the Righteous One and to hear words from his mouth. 15 You will be his witness to all people of what you have seen and heard. 16 And now what are you waiting for? Get up, be baptized and wash your sins away, calling on his name.'" **Acts 22:1-16**

### Acts 22 Case Study

#### 1. Paul's Approach

Paul approaches the crowd gently and with permission. Does not force himself in.

- o Acts 21:39: "Please let me speak to the people."
- o Approach with gentleness, i.e. "Can I share about my life?", "Have you heard about Jesus?"

---

#### 2. Paul's Message

Paul shares nothing other than his story.

Paul knows his story.

- o Shares what his life was like before Jesus (v. 1-5)
- o Shares his experience in coming to know Jesus (v.6-16)
- o Shares his life since knowing Jesus (v. 15, 21)

What is Paul doing here? V. 15 – he is being a witness to all of what he has seen and heard.

- o "There are five gospels: Matthew, Mark, Luke, John, and the Christian, but most people never read the first four." – **Rodney Smith**
- o Share the gospel and Follow Paul's formula: Life before Jesus, coming to know him, Life since Jesus

#### 3. Paul makes disciples not believers

The great commission calls us to make disciples not just converts

- o Disciple = someone who lives a life centered on Jesus, is a student of Jesus, and is being shaped by Jesus

Telling people about the Gospel and having them call Jesus their Lord and Savior is great, but the Job's not done.

### Why Share the Gospel?

#### 1. It is the Great Commission (Matthew 28:19)

Commanded by God to make disciples.

#### 2. The World Needs Jesus

There are people who are hurting, broken, grieving, depressed, anxious, filled with shame, addicted, lost, guilty – They NEED Jesus

Our world can be dark and it needs the Light

- o We are called to be the light that points to THE light: Jesus

All scripture is from the New International Version unless otherwise note.



---

## "Understanding the Gospel" (Good News Series - Ep. I)

1 "Brothers and fathers, listen now to my defense." 2 When they heard him speak to them in Aramaic, they became very quiet. Then Paul said: 3 "I am a Jew, born in Tarsus of Cilicia, but brought up in this city. I studied under Gamaliel and was thoroughly trained in the law of our ancestors. I was just as zealous for God as any of you are today. 4 I persecuted the followers of this Way to their death, arresting both men and women and throwing them into prison, 5 as the high priest and all the Council can themselves testify. I even obtained letters from them to their associates in Damascus, and went there to bring these people as prisoners to Jerusalem to be punished. 6 "About noon as I came near Damascus, suddenly a bright light from heaven flashed around me. 7 I fell to the ground and heard a voice say to me, 'Saul! Saul! Why do you persecute me?' 8 "'Who are you, Lord?' I asked. "'I am Jesus of Nazareth, whom you are persecuting,' he replied. 9 My companions saw the light, but they did not understand the voice of him who was speaking to me. 10 "'What shall I do, Lord?' I asked. "'Get up,' the Lord said, 'and go into Damascus. There you will be told all that you have been assigned to do.' 11 My companions led me by the hand into Damascus, because the brilliance of the light had blinded me. 12 "A man named Ananias came to see me. He was a devout observer of the law and highly respected by all the Jews living there. 13 He stood beside me and said, 'Brother Saul, receive your sight!' And at that very moment I was able to see him. 14 "Then he said: 'The God of our ancestors has chosen you to know his will and to see the Righteous One and to hear words from his mouth. 15 You will be his witness to all people of what you have seen and heard. 16 And now what are you waiting for? Get up, be baptized and wash your sins away, calling on his name.'" **Acts 22:1-16**

### Acts 22 Case Study

#### 1. Paul's \_\_\_\_\_

Paul approaches the crowd gently and with permission. Does not force himself in.

- o Acts 21:39: "Please let me speak to the people."
- o Approach with gentleness, i.e. "Can I share about my life?", "Have you heard about Jesus?"

---

#### 2. Paul's \_\_\_\_\_

Paul shares nothing other than his story.

Paul knows his story.

- o Shares what his life was like before Jesus (v. 1-5)
- o Shares his experience in coming to know Jesus (v.6-16)
- o Shares his life since knowing Jesus (v. 15, 21)

What is Paul doing here? V. 15 – he is being a witness to all of what he has seen and heard.

- o "There are five gospels: Matthew, Mark, Luke, John, and the Christian, but most people never read the first four." – **Rodney Smith**
- o Share the gospel and Follow Paul's formula: Life before Jesus, coming to know him, Life since Jesus

#### 3. Paul makes \_\_\_\_\_ not believers

The great commission calls us to make disciples not just converts

- o Disciple = someone who lives a life centered on Jesus, is a student of Jesus, and is being shaped by Jesus

Telling people about the Gospel and having them call Jesus their Lord and Savior is great, but the Job's not done.

### Why Share the Gospel?

#### 1. It is the \_\_\_\_\_ (Matthew 28:19)

Commanded by God to make disciples.

#### 2. The World \_\_\_\_\_

There are people who are hurting, broken, grieving, depressed, anxious, filled with shame, addicted, lost, guilty – They NEED Jesus

Our world can be dark and it needs the Light

- o We are called to be the light that points to THE light: Jesus

All scripture is from the New International Version unless otherwise note.